

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1-76; claims 12, 20, 49, 57 and 63 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 13-19, 21-48, 50-56, 58-62 and 64-76 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections - Claims

Claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 23, 24, 26, 32, 37, 39, 42, 45, 48, 60, 63, 69 and 75 were objected to because of informalities. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rosenthal (US 5,392,342 (hereinafter, Rosenthal)). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

The Applicant's present invention relates to a personal communication system (PCS), which provides personal telephone numbers for PCS subscribers. A PCS subscriber can send a handling message to the PCS-server and can form a specific handling message of one or more destination profiles stored in a destination profile memory. A destination profile handling means handles destination profiles in response to profile handling messages, which include at least one handling parameter that indicates a call distribution parameter for one or more destination locations in a destination profile (page 41, line 20 – page 42 line 10). Call distribution criteria relate to origin parameters teleservice-type parameters, busy option parameters and number of call parameters. The PCS subscriber can flexibly configure and use the destination

profiles allocated to a personal telephone number, thus avoiding the problems of central administration, fixed distribution with schedule, incompatibilities with call forwarding, etc.

The Rosenthal reference discloses a PCS server that utilizes a list of destination numbers and sequence information that are associated with a particular personal telephone number. A call to the telephone number is routed to the list of destination numbers in a predetermined sequence until the call is either answered or abandoned.

The Applicant respectfully directs the attention of the Examiner to amended claim

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1. (Currently Amended) A personal communication system (PCS) server of a personal communication system providing PCS subscribers with personal telephone numbers, comprising:

a PCS destination profile memory for storing in association with at least one personal telephone number (PTN) a number of destination profiles respectively consisting of a sequence of destination numbers indicating a number of predetermined destination locations;

a PCS routing means for completing an incoming call directed to said PTN by routing the incoming call sequentially to destination locations in accordance with the sequence indicated in a destination profile until said call is abandoned or answered; and

a destination profile handling means, comprising a call distribution parameter setting means for setting said call distribution parameters in at least one destination profile, for selectively handling one or more of said destination profiles stored in said PCS destination profile memory in response to a destination profile handling message received via said PCS communication system and including at least one handling parameter indicating a predetermined handling of said at least one of said destination profiles, said at least one handling parameter indicating one or more call distribution parameters for one or more of said destination locations in said one or more destination profiles. (emphasis added)

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Rosenthal reference does not disclose, suggest or teach the above emphasized limitations.

Though the Rosenthal reference discloses telephone numbers and associated tags that are used to create a sequence of locations to call (column 5, line 62 – column 7, line 17; inputs from the user can be considered as handling messages), Rosenthal lacks the limitation of a handling parameter that indicates a call distribution parameter

for the one or more destination locations in a destination profile. The only information considered by Rosenthal to be stored in a destination profile is the list of destination numbers and the sequence information relating with said destination numbers. This being the case, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and the depending claims 2-11 and 13-18.

Analogous, independent claims 19, 38, and 56 are amended in a similar manner and contain similar limitations as those limitations in claim 1. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these amended independent claims and the respective dependent claims 21-37, 39-48, 50-55, and 58-76

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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